A New Way to Communicate

Looking back over the past year, our JAG Corps has accomplished much for which we can all be proud. Whether deploying in support of the Global War on Terror, providing legal counsel and assistance at home and abroad, or transforming the way we do business, your performance has been truly extraordinary. Navy and Joint leaders everywhere understand and appreciate that the work you do is an indispensable part of their mission accomplishment.

Over the past few years, a supportive culture of transformation in the Navy has allowed us to look at our own community and begin to change it in ways that will better meet the challenges of the future. You have read and heard much about *JAG Corps 2020*, our transformation strategy. We completed the plan and have already begun to execute it. Critical to its success is communicating our accomplishments, which is where the JAG Magazine comes in.

In this inaugural issue, you will read about our major accomplishments for 2006. Also in the January edition, you will find the details of many community-wide changes that will affect your working environment – from JAG Corps implementation of the National

Security Personnel System, to the ongoing development of our military justice career path and Legalmen educational opportunities. Finally, our JAG Corps continues to play a key role in the Global War on Terror throughout the world; the article discussing the Military **Commissions Act** describes one area in which we have prominently contributed to the GWOT

Look for future issues of the JAG Magazine with

articles containing the latest news for our officer, enlisted and civilian communities. It is important for each of us to read about and understand our collective accomplishments as they continue to shape the Navy JAG Corps of the future. Please give us your feedback; we truly value your thoughts and suggestions.

Once again, Rear Admiral Houck,

Rear Admiral Joerg and I could not be more proud of you and your many accomplishments. Thank you for all you do each day.

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